

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 93

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sam Stewart on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Sam Stewart will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on February 27, 2009, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a Hancock County native, Mr. Stewart was born February 27, 1919 to his parents, Alex and Margie Stewart, as one of eleven siblings; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school, Mr. Stewart worked for a number of years with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC); and

WHEREAS, after his excellent service with the CCC, he moved with his family to Baltimore, Maryland, where he served with acumen and alacrity as a supervisor with the Glen L. Martin Company, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and employees alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, after moving back home to Hancock County, Mr. Stewart owned and operated a sawmill with his brother, Vol Stewart; he was also an exceptional farmer and grew a number of agricultural products, most notably tobacco; and

WHEREAS, his expertise, leadership, and vast agricultural experience were called upon while serving as a board member of the Agricultural Service Center and as an employee of the Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Sam Stewart, who has often been called upon for his guidance and energy in the political arena, served as an elected School Board official for fourteen years, in which position he worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart has enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Lucille Surgenor Stewart, for over sixty years; the couple's blessed union produced five children: Lynda, Faye, Wanda, Rick, and Renee; and

WHEREAS, dearly devoted to his family and always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order, Sam Stewart will be the first to say that the greatest achievements in his long and rich life are his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity who embodies the best of his community, Mr. Stewart is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sam Stewart on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.